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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Original) An intravaginal washing agent comprising:
 fermented soybean milk produced by fermenting soybean milk with a co-culture of a plurality of lactic acid bacteria.

2. (Original) An intravaginal washing agent comprising:

an extract produced by extracting fermented soybean milk with an alcohol, the fermented soybean milk being produced by fermenting soybean milk with a co-culture of a plurality of lactic acid bacteria.

- 3. (Original) The intravaginal washing agent according to claim 2, wherein the extraction with an alcohol is performed by adding an alcohol to the sterilized fermented soybean milk and is performed for at least six months.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The intravaginal washing agent according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein at least 20% of ingredients of the extract includes a total content of at least 20% of an ingredient of which have the a retention time, and

the retention time measured by liquid chromatography under the following conditions is at least 10 minutes using an Measurement condition for liquid chromatography Column:

Asahipak GS=220H column, Mobile phase: 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer for a mobile phase, Flow a flow rate: of 1.0 /min., and the Asahipak GS=220H column Column temperature: having a temperature of 40°C is at least 10 minutes.

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5. (Currently Amended) The intravaginal washing agent according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein at least 25% of ingredients of the extract includes a total content of at least 25% of an ingredient of which the have a retention time, and

the retention time measured by liquid chromatography under the following conditions using is at least 7 minutes. Measurement conditions for liquid chromatography Column: an Asahipak GS=220H column, Mobile phase: 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer for a mobile phase, a flow Flow rate: of 1.0 /min., and the Column Asahipak GS=220H column having a temperature: of 40°C is at least 7 minutes.

6. (Currently Amended) The intravaginal washing agent according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein at least 25% of ingredients of the extract includes a total content of at least 25% of an ingredient of which the have a retention time of at least 7 minutes,

at least 20% of ingredients of the extract have a retention time of at least 10 minutes, and the retention time is measured by liquid chromatography under the following conditions is at least 7 minutes, and a total content of at least 20% of an ingredient of which the retention time measured by liquid chromatography under the following conditions is at least 10 minutes.

using an Measurement conditions for liquid chromatography Column: Asahipak GS=220H column, Mobile phase: 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer for a mobile phase, a flow Flow rate: of 1.0 /min., and the Asahipak GS=220H column having a Column temperature: of 40°C.